

**Pastor's Corner**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take this opportunity to recap the events scheduled for the end of this month and next month.

First, this Sunday is the **"Feast of Corpus Christi"/the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** in both calendars: the Tridentine and the Novus Ordo. After the Tridentine Mass at **12:00 p.m.**, we will have a procession around the block. Please participate in this procession and pray for our parish, the Church and the world, that all may believe in Christ and have eternal life.

Second, next **Saturday, on May 31<sup>st</sup>**, we will have a **"Memorial Mass" for Fr. Daniel Johnson** at **10:00 a.m.** to pray for him, to "thank" him for the many things he did for St. Mary's by the Sea and to continue his spirit of dedication, pursuing holiness and eternal life, not simply for ourselves but also for the glory of God and the salvation of souls! After the Mass, we will have the rites of dedication of the courtyard adjacent to the Church by the grotto side *"In Loving Memory of Fr. Johnson"* with a plaque being donated by the **Byars family**. Afterwards, a reception will follow in the Family Room. Please come and join our parish for this great and memorable event!

Third, **Fr. Mackin will be on vacation from May 26 through June 16**; please pray for him so that after the vacation, he will return refreshed, with zeal, love and enthusiasm to continue to serve St. Mary's by the Sea.

Fourth, the first week of June, **June 2-6, there will be Annual Retreat for all Bishops and diocesan priests** serving in our Diocese: please pray for all of us, both bishops and priests, so that with the help and grace of God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may have a very holy and successful retreat to renew ourselves with a greater dedication to serve God and the Diocese!

Fifth, **the painting of the interior of our Church** will start in June for two weeks (**June 2-11**): around two to three days per week. The painting job will look exactly as it does now, maintaining the original color and style of our Church, but just more beautiful.

Finally, **the weekend of June 7-8: "Mission Co-op" weekend**. Fr. Mark Jon Cruz will be with us to share his missionary experience among the young Filipino people in the Prelature of Infanta, Philippines. Please come to listen, pray, share and be generous to the Lord's call for each one of us!

May God bless you all! Happy Memorial Day weekend!

Your servant/brother in Christ,

Fr. Martin

**Corpus Christi Procession**

**Today – after the 12 Noon Mass**

At the heart of today's solemnity is a Eucharistic Procession, which will be held **here** after the **12 noon Mass** and also in many other parishes.

Every year on this day, a joyful procession winds through the streets of Rome. Some years ago, Pope John Paul II, deeply moved at the sight of the throng accompanying the sacred host, said that we ought to feel profoundly united with the faithful everywhere in the world at such a moment. *"Before our mind's eye, all the Churches of the world, from East to West, from North to South, are present."* Originally this feast was on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but after the calendar reform of 1970, its title was changed to the "Body and Blood of Christ," and in the United States, was moved to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday.

So please join us today, and take part in this most beautiful procession. Flower girls who will be leading the way for the Priest and who are not attending the noon Mass are asked to arrive at **1:10 p.m.** and meet in front of the Church.

**Memorial Day - Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Our Mass schedule will be as usual on Memorial Day - - 8:00 a.m. In addition, there will be a Mass offered at **Good Shepherd Cemetery** (on Beach & Talbert) at **10 a.m.**, with a special remembrance for our deceased veterans.

*\*Please note also that the Church office will be closed on Memorial Day.*

**Interior Church Painting Schedule**

The painting of the interior of the Church will begin on **Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** after the **8:00 am. Mass**. The remaining schedule is as follows:

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**: NO daily Mass

**June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**: NO daily Mass

Please note that the Church will only be closed for two days per week (Tuesdays and Wednesdays). It will re-open each Thursday for daily Mass and Adoration as usual.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Donations 5/18..... \$484.00**

**Altar Guild**

**Donations 5/18..... \$60.00**

The Altar Guild will receive Holy Communion together at the **9 a.m. Mass** next **Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Their meeting will then take place on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **noon**.

**Memorial Mass, Dedication of the Courtyard & Reception to be held for Fr. Daniel Johnson**

On **Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, St. Mary's by the Sea will be celebrating the life of her former pastor, Rev. Daniel Johnson, who passed away March 18, 2007 after serving St. Mary's for 25+ years. It will begin with a Memorial Mass to be held at **10:00 a.m.** At the end of Mass, Fr. Martin will dedicate the courtyard to Fr. Johnson with a remembrance plaque to be displayed in his honor. The dedication will then be followed by a reception in the Family Room. Sandwiches, drinks and a special cake will be provided. If you would like to bring something, please call (714) 536-6913, x-107 and indicate if it will be a fruit salad, chips or cookies.

**May Crowning**

Our May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place on **Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, right before the 10 a.m. Memorial Mass for Fr. Daniel Johnson. Children participating in the procession are asked to meet at the fountain in the courtyard at **9:40 a.m.**

**Crohn's & Colitis Support Group**

Come discuss issues and concerns related to having Crohn's or Colitis. The support group will meet on the **last Monday of every month** beginning **Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** at Los Alamitos Medical Center, 3751 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos (in the conference room above the cafeteria). For further information, please contact Darrin Pagenkopp at (714) 280-6377 or [dpagenkopp@yahoo.com](mailto:dpagenkopp@yahoo.com).

**Young Woman's Adult Retreat**

**"The Courage to be Catholic,"** a retreat for young ladies, will be given **June 13-15** by Rev. Bryce Sibley. The weekend will include Holy Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, conferences, discussions, time for silence and prayer, and the opportunity to meet other young adults. For information on costs, please call the Sacred Heart Retreat House at (626) 289-1355, x-218.

**Marriage Encounter**

Do you wish you and your spouse could talk about something besides all the stresses in your lives? A Marriage Encounter weekend gives you the tools to revitalize romance, communication and spirituality in your marriage. The next scheduled weekend is **June 6-8**. For more information, call Jim or Cheryl at (949) 551-9156.

**Mission Statement**

*Jesus comes "to serve, not to be served"*  
(Mt. 20, 28)  
*St. Mary's by the Sea is a Catholic/Christian community of faith, hope, and love, journeying together in the spirit of hospitality, stewardship, respect, unity and charity, welcoming and serving all brothers and sisters in Christ, under the mantle of Our Lady.*

**Finance Council Meeting**

There will be a meeting for members of the Finance Council this **Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 p.m.**

**St. Michael's Summer Camp**  
**"Where All Boys Have Fun!"**

A day and night camp since 1962 for boys ages 7-12, St. Michael's offers Red Cross certified swim lessons, team sports, hiking, arts & crafts, evening campfires, Catechism lessons, daily Mass and Rosary. Camp tours available **Sundays** during **May** and **June** at **12:45 & 1 p.m.** For further information or to see their 2008 application and special offer online, go to [www.abbeynews.net/summercamp](http://www.abbeynews.net/summercamp) or call 949-858-0222, x-226.

**Jest Kidding**

The father of five children had won a nice toy in a raffle, so he called his kids together to ask which one of them should receive the present.

*"Well children, who in this group do you think is the most obedient?"* he asked. *"And, who in this group never, ever talks back to Mother? Who always does everything she says?"*

The five children put their heads together to discuss who amongst them should receive the prize. Surprisingly, within 15 seconds, they had all come to a unanimous decision. In one voice they all answered, *"Okay, dad, you can keep the toy!"*

**PSA Update - "Thank You"**

**95 pledges received..... \$34,606**

**Thank You**  
**May 18, 2008**

**Specials ..... \$572.00**  
**Building Fund ..... \$158.00**  
**CCD ..... \$120.00**  
**Parishes in Need..... \$852.00**  
**Regular Collection ..... \$4,496.50**